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The Honorable David C. Rouzer United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

On behalf of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, thank you for all of your efforts to support the Coastal Storm Damage Reduction (CSDR) project in Wrightsville Beach. Your continued advocacy has meant the Town's business and residential property are protected as much as possible during storms.

Your efforts have been instrumental in securing Federal funding for these projects, which as you know are far too cost prohibitive for a Town like Wrightsville Beach to afford on its own. Like you, we were excited when the Wrightsville Beach CSDR project was authorized as part of the Water Resources Development Act in 2020.

As we learned in January, our project was not included in the final U.S. Army Corps of Engineers work plan. While Wrightsville Beach, New Hanover County, the County's other beach communities and your office have advocated for Federal funding, we do not have the Federal commitment yet.

We support your efforts to either find reprogrammed Federal funding or to make the funding for Wrightsville Beach's project a specific line item requested by you in a future Federal budget.

As always, Wrightsville Beach remains committed to assist you and your staff to advocate for healthy beaches that protect our coastal infrastructure from hurricanes, storm surge and other natural disasters.

Respectfully,

Mayor